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Mundt Lauds Opponents of Communism

WASHINGTON, D.C. — America is stronger and freedom more secure because of leaders "who have stepped out in front" to help their fellow citizens better understand communism, award winners at the annual "Vigilant Patriot Recognition" were told Friday, by Senator Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D.

Mundt presented the awards in behalf of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism to several Washington notables.

SIX HONORED

Among those selected in recognition of "their efforts in defense of world freedom" were J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director; Sen. Thomas Dodd, R-Conn.; Allen W. Dulles, Central Intelligence Agency director; Gen. C. P. Cabell, deputy CIA director; Robert T. Hartmann, chief of the Washington Bureau of the Los Angeles Times; and Richard Arens, former staff director of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Mundt told the luncheon: "The fact that 50 great national patriotic organizations representing over 50 million citizens in their combined membership have for a dozen years cooperated in this All-American Conference to helping our fellow citizens come to better understand the real dangers of communism at home and abroad is one of the encouraging developments of the past decade."

MUCH ACCOMPLISHED

He said the awards are "deserving tribute" to those "who have done so much during the past year to promote freedom and to preserve our cherished American institutions."

Mundt was one of the founders of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism which had its initial meeting in New York City on January 30, 1950.

He also is the originator of "Know Your America Week" which is sponsored by the conference during Thanksgiving Day week each year. Last year more than 5,000 American communities participated in the national observance.